order was issued, the Government requested the State Electricity Board to terminate her appointment, as they considered it undesirable to continue to employ under the Board any person who has been debarred from Government service. The Board has not accepted the view of the Government. The matter is being further examined by the Government.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, what is the constitutional relationship between the Electricity Board and the Government of Madras who are lending so much money to the Electricity Board?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I am sure if the hon. Member will go through the Act he will find that Government have overall control over the Board. But under the Act as such, they are an autonomous body and in the matter of small appointments they have a right to appoint or dismiss as they like.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it not a criminal offence to alter the date of birth in the certificte whether she be employed in Government service or quasi-government service? How can we condone it and how can the Government allow the Electricity Board to still allow the person to continue in employment?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The Government took a serious ncte of it—the alteration of the date of birth in the certificate of birth—and they have debarred her from employment. But the Electricity Board are, as I have said, an autonomous body and therefore we have asked them to consider the view of the Government in the matter instead of pressing the Board to accept the decision of the Government.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : If ultimately the Electricity Board were to disobey the orders of the Government, would the Government take suitable action against the candidate who had deliberately altered the date of birth in the certificate?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, the 'If' has not yet arisen.

Harijan scholarships

*56 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to raise the income limit for the grant of Harijan scholarships to Harijan students in high schools?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : No, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : வருமான வரையறை இப்போது எவ்வளவு? அது எந்த வருஷத்தில் முதலில் அமுலுக்கு வந்தது?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : இப்போது ரூ. 1,500 வரை. எந்தத் தேதியிலிருந்து அமுலுக்கு வந்தது என்பதைப்பற்றி இப்போது என்னிடத்தில் விவரமில்லை.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : இப்போது ரூபாயுடைய மதிப்பு குறைந்திருப்பதால் அந்த வரம்பை உயர்த்துவதற்கு சர்க்காரிடம் ஏதாவது திட்டம் இருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : உயர்த்துவது பற்றி அரசாங்கம் 1960 ஜுன் மாதத்தில் பரிசீலனை செய்தது. இப்போது உயர்த்துவதற்கு இல்லை என்று முடிவு செய்திருக்கிறது.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : கல்லூரிப் படிப்புக்காவது அந்த வரையறையை உயர்த்துவார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : நான் முன்பு சொன்ன பதிலே தான். இப்போது உயர்த்துவதற்கு இல்லை என்றுதான் அரசாங்கம் முடிவுக்கு வந்திருக்கிறது.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : சம்பளத்தை உயர்த்துவதினால் சில பிள்ளைகளுக்கு சலுகைகள் குறைந்துவிட்டது என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : அந்த வரம்புக்கு உட்பட்ட ஊதியம் கூடிவருவதனால் ஒரு சமயம் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கலாம்.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is not the income limit the same for the other backward communities also?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : அதேமாதிரிதான் அவர்களுக்கும்.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated 26th January 1961 from the Governor of Madras :—

"I have received with great satisfaction your resolution of thanks for the Address with which I opend the present session of the Legislature." 3-20 p.m.

(2) MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have also to announce to the House that I have received message from the Hon. Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the following Bills as passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 28th January 1961 and signed by him, for the concurrence of the Council :—

(1) The Evacuee Interest (Separation) Madras Supplementary Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 7 of 1961).

(2) The Madras State Aid to Industries (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1960).